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For : COMPOUNDS THAT INHIBIT INTERACTION BETWEEN

SIGNAL-TRANSDUCING PROTEINS AND THE GLGF

(PDZ/DHR) DOMAIN AND USES THEREOF

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SIR:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO NOVEMBER 8, 2000 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This Communication is submitted in response to the November 8, 2000 Restriction Requirement issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the November 8, 2000 Restriction Requirement Is due on December 8, 2000. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

REMARKS

In the November 8, 2000 Restriction Requirement, the Examiner to whom the subject application is assigned required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and § 372 to one of the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, the Examiner required applicants in response to this action, to elect a single invention to which